

Thank you to those that participated in our Coffee with the Principal event on October 17, 2014 held in our Lasallian lounge! A special thank you goes out to Patti Fabrizio for helping to promote and coordinate the event.

The forum presented an opportunity for parents of the Saint Patrick community to learn more about current and future doings from the principal's prospective. In addition, families were given an opportunity to ask questions and further discuss other issues that needed clarification or additional explanation.

Below is a brief summary of the agenda items:

Open House Results from 10.16.14

The night was a tremendous success due to the hard work of our faculty, staff, parents, and alumni. We had over 300 people take an interactive and informative tour learning more about the many great programs that Saint Patrick High School has to offer. We expect an even larger crowd for our Nov. 9th open house which takes place from 1-3 PM.

Mobile App

On Oct. 16, we launched our new mobile app which is available on both the Android Market and App Store. This allows for people to stay current with news and events at Saint Patrick High School. It provides turn-by-turn navigation to all activities and events, allows parents and students to check their grades and progress in their classes, integrates with our current social media pages (Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube), and so much more! In addition, push notifications will allow for followers of the application to receive instant notifications for last minute changes to events related to the school.

Strategic Plan

Through the combined efforts of our faculty, staff, parents, board members, and Executive Team, we have crafted this roadmap for innovation and excellence to guide the institution's growth in four key areas over the next five years:

1. Curricular Development
2. Facilities and Operations
3. Catholic Identity and Lasallian Mission
4. Finance and Institutional Advancement

We invite you to [download](#) and review the details of our strategic plan and join us on our journey of innovation and excellence.

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Saint Patrick High School is converting 20,000 sq. ft. of land on the northeast corner of Belmont and Austin into an urban garden to help beautify the neighborhood, the school and provide additional green space on campus. Designated the Lasallian Garden, the space will include native plants, evergreen trees and shrubs centered around a masonry Shamrock design.

In addition, the garden will include a statue of St. John Baptist de La Salle and three flagpoles displaying the U.S., State of Illinois, and Saint Patrick High School flags. The ribbon-cutting for the project is slated for November 17th at 2:30 PM.

Clarity Data

In September 2014, we asked all faculty, staff, parents, and students to participate in a survey regarding technology to give Saint Patrick a baseline of data for where the school is at in terms of access, classroom integration, teacher and student skills, and the general learning environment. The results of the survey produced a tremendous amount of data for the school to analyze. This morning, I shared one piece of data that was derived from the surveys with regards to digital citizenship. Please click on the link below to see the results:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/nd19vqdm6hxmxn4/Parent%20DATA%20highlights%2010.17.14.pdf>

*To understand the charts, the solid bar graphs represent the responses of the Saint Patrick community and the striped bar graphs represent the other 11,000 school who participate in this program. At the end of the data is a section called "Why it Matters". This is a research based fact about why the questions and data are relevant and worth additional exploration for our school.

Halloween

Students will be allowed to dress in an appropriate costume or green and gold attire for October 31 provided they bring in two or more boxed or canned food items to be donated to a local food shelter or charity (location to be announced). Costume or out of dress code passes will be provided by homeroom teachers once a student has brought in the items prior to the 31st. The student council is charge of the event and will provide more information as it becomes available.

Subbing

The school is currently looking for people who would be able to volunteer and substitute at St. Patrick High School. It would especially helpful on our heavier faculty absence days when people are involved in retreats. It is preferred that someone is a certified substitute teacher, but not a mandatory requirement.

Our next coffee with the principal will be January 20, 2015 at 6 PM in the Lasallian Lounge. We invite you to participate in our meeting and discussion.